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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8,11-15,18-25,18, 31 and 32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,10,16,17,29 and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Applicant is required to provide the application number cited under cross-references to a related application.
2. Claims 6, 7, 9, 16, 17, 26, 27 and 29 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. In claim 6 line 2, claim 7 line 4, claim 16 line 2, claim 17 line 4, claim 26 line 2 and claim 27 line 4, "either one of a row and a column" should be "either one of a row or a column".
 - b. In claim 9 line 6, claim 19 line 6 and claim 29 line 7, "and the new sample and a new sample of the second signal" should be "and the new sample of the first signal and a new sample of the second signal".
 - c. In claim 9 line 8, "said scheduling" should be "said scheduling command".
 - d. In claim 19 line 1, "wherein said method comprises" should be "wherein said method further comprises".
 - e. In claims 7, 17 and 27, the variable "N" is not defined. It should clearly recite "where N is an integer".
3. Claims 10 and 30 are objected to as being dependent on objected claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5, 8, 11-15, 18-25, 28, 31 and 32 are allowed. Prior art failed to teach this form of filter adaptation unit.

Conclusion

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: See above objections.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jia W. Lu whose telephone number is 571-272-6042. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri, 9:30AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571)272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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